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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN VISIT TO BONN: ECONOMIC ASPECTS

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1. MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAUTENSCHLAGER AND UK
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR PROVIDED ECON/COMC'L MINISTER THE
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF PRIME MINISTER
CALLAGHAN'S VISIT TO BONN ON JUNE 30.

2. PROGRAM: SCHMIDT AND CALLAGHAN MET BY THEMSELVES
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AS WELL AS IN SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS CROSSLAND

AND GENSCHER. SCHEDULED AFTERNOON MEETING IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WITH WIDER GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS WAS PRE-EMPTED BY LAST MINUTE DECISION TO INVITE PARTICIPANTS IN BRITISH-GERMAN LABOR-MANAGEMENT MEETING IN DUSSELDORF (BULLARD COMMITTEE) TO BONN FOR MEETING WITH SCHMIDT AND BRITISH PARTY. AS A RESULT, LESS WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED.

3. RAW MATERIALS. UK ECONOMICS COUNSELOR CHARACTERIZED DISCUSSION ON RAW MATERIALS POLICY AS A DESULTORY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN WHICH BRITISH POINTED OUT THE DICHOTOMY BETWEEN ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE POLITICAL REALITIES CONFRONTING THEM IN THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. UK TRADE OFFICIALS WILL VISIT BONN JULY 12 TO PURSUE THIS DISCUSSION AT EXPERT LEVEL WITH ECONMIN ASST. SECRETARY STEEG.

4. OFFSET. LAUTENSCHLAGER CONFIRMED THAT FRG DOES NOT INTEND TO NEGOTIATE NEW OFFSET WITH BRITISH PRIOR TO OCTOBER 3 ELECTIONS. UK ECONOMIC COUNSELOR TOLD US THAT BRITISH UNDERSTAND THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS CANNOT START UNTIL AFTER THE GERMAN ELECTIONS. HOWEVER UK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TECHNICIANS MEET EARLIER SO THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD PROCEED MORE QUICKLY IN THE FALL. HE THOUGHT THAT OUTCOME OF THE US/FRG OFFSET TALKS, WHATEVER IT WOULD BE, WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE UK/FRG NEGOTIATIONS.
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